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three bullets which passed through  
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Mrs. LeNive is the daughter of  
the late L. G. Jones, at one time a  
resident of Powhatan county, Va.  
He died in Petersburg about sixteen  
years ago. Her maiden name was  
Marie Jones. She had rooms in Mr.  
Wohl's house. It was said that the  
first trouble grew out of an allusion  
by the preacher to Stokes' attentions  
to the widow.

It is since stated positively that the  
fatal affray grew directly out of sup-  
posed allusions to the young ladies of  
the city made by Mr. Wohl in his  
last sermon preached Sunday night.  
There was not standing room in the  
church, for it was generally supposed  
from passing remarks that the min-  
ister would not spare the social func-  
tions which had lately occurred.

After introductory remarks he  
said: "You have read in the history  
of a great people about the dance  
held in a European city the night  
before the combined forces of the  
water crushed the man of destiny at  
Waterloo, and how revelry ceased at  
the growling of the distant cannon.  
But, my friends, that rumbling,  
though awful it may have been, will  
be as the voice of some sweet singer  
of old when compared with the sounds  
which those who now dance shall  
hear on the last day amid the crash  
of worlds.

"Voices that last night laughed  
with glee shall then shriek with  
the damned, and forms that a  
few days ago moved to the sound  
of the violins shall writhe in the  
torment of eternal fire. Lips that  
today may have hung in loving  
kisses shall then forever be parched  
and dried; eyes that now look love  
shall then burst from their sockets  
and the fair hair that now waves  
about the marble of a beautiful brow  
the meshes of a net of gold shall in  
that awful day be turned into flames.  
Would that my tongue could picture  
and in words paint the fearful scene!

"Turn, my friends, before you die.  
Abandon your evil practices. Become  
highly minded men and women. These  
ye cannot be so long as you are sul-  
lied by the touch of the dance. Again  
I say unto you that the white light  
and glare which illuminate the ball-  
room are the shrouds of many por-  
phyry and womanly purity, and that  
when these die your life is a living  
hell. You call it the social whirl.  
For it I have another name. It is  
the whirligig of the devil and upon  
it are riding the young people of this  
town. Beware, beware."

As to the drinking, he said:  
"I tell you this town must be  
purged of this fearful evil. The  
young woman who gives to her  
friends the liquor does wrong.  
The woman who drinks wine  
with a young man is standing  
on the threshold of eternal damna-  
tion, and her feet are leading her  
straight to perdition. From the  
wine table it is but one single step  
to debauchery. The married woman  
who drinks wine would just as well  
then and there, employ some one of  
her brilliant young friends in the  
legal profession to defend a divorce  
suit, for she is welcoming the foe  
that will destroy the home."

As Mr. Wohl said this, continues  
the special, there was seen in many  
faces wrath and indignation. There  
was a stir, a murmur of disapproval,  
and many rose in their seats as if to  
leave the house, and then, with one  
accord, as if recognizing that to leave  
would be to admit what had been  
said all confusedly sat down. Then  
there was a breathless silence.

Mr. Wohl's remains were sent to  
Kentucky this afternoon for burial.  
Hundreds of people followed his  
casket to the train.

Just before he was killed Mr.  
Wohl wrote the following letter to  
his wife who was visiting her father  
at Hawesville:

"My Dear Wife—I am in trouble

and may suffer violence. I have  
offended some people by condemning  
beer drinking and balls. I hear  
rumors of violence. Let me assure  
you I thought not of evil or of doing  
evil by anything I said, and let me  
say, precious wife, how I love you  
and how this hurts me for your sake.  
Forgive me, as I trust God will, and  
help me to do my duty. If this  
trouble is averted, I hope never to  
be guilty of this again. Others will  
explain how I did it all, and you can  
see in it every bit. I leave all I  
have, of course, to you, dear, and I  
trust you'll be happy.

"Teach our dear little girl to be  
good and meet her father in heaven.  
Oh, how my heart goes out in love  
for you, and hope that all will blow  
over without harm.

"When you write mother send her  
something from me. Send my books  
to the Union Theological Seminary,  
at Richmond, and ask the book  
agent there to dispose of them at the  
best price for you.

"With best wishes, and praying  
you to be tender toward my name."

The Climate of Arizona For Dis-  
eases of Heart and Lungs.

Dr. Craig writes of the climate  
of Arizona for various diseases and  
sums up his conclusions that it is in  
pulmonary diseases that the best  
results are obtained. The method  
pursued by the more modern sani-  
tarium at present, particularly in  
Germany and at Davos, Switzerland,  
is to give the tubercular patient as  
nearly as possible an absolute out-  
door existence. There is no place in  
America where this end can be at-  
tained with greater success than in  
the Salt River Valley, Arizona.

Undoubtedly the best results are  
being secured by a tent life on the  
desert at the foothills which extend  
to within 10 miles of Phoenix. In-  
deed, many people sleep in the open  
air all winter, although it is not so  
common a practice as it should be  
when carried out under intelligent  
directions.

Good horses are numerous and  
cheap and there are plenty of  
vaqueros (cowboys—the genuine article)  
to show what horses can be made  
to do.

The roads for 15 or 20 miles on  
either side of Phoenix are good. The  
desert itself is as easy to drive over  
as the average Eastern roadway, and  
the whole valley is a paradise for  
cyclists and horsemen.

While the Salt River Valley is the  
climate par excellence for the relief  
of pulmonary tuberculosis, there are  
many other diseased conditions that  
do well there. Asthmatic patients  
usually receive prompt relief and  
are permanently cured. Bronchitis  
and laryngitis disappear as if by  
magic, the dry, warm air acting as a  
most effective stimulant to the  
mucous membrane of the respiratory  
tract.

Rheumatic affections are generally  
much improved during the winter,  
but it is in the summer that the best  
results are attained, as the constant  
perspiration, maintained for months,  
has a greater eliminative effect than  
a sojourn at the most famous springs.

The perfect rest and relaxation  
that tired nerves experience in this  
balmy air act almost as a specific for  
nervous prostration and insomnia, as  
well as affording a new lease of life  
to the consumptive.

It is folly, however, for those just  
ready to die to go there. It is in the  
earlier stages that the best re-  
sults are secured.—*Health Magazine.*

**PRESENTS DURING CHRISTMAS.**

If instead of overloading our own  
children with presents on Christmas,  
we would give them less and lead  
them to share some of the gifts that  
would otherwise be for themselves  
with some children to whom none  
would otherwise come, we would  
teach a very useful and needful les-  
son to our little ones. Pleasure  
which we confine to ourselves simply  
makes us selfish and narrow. One  
of the last things which Christ did  
on earth was to gather His disciples  
around Him and have them partake  
with Him of the bounties of His  
table. And in this single act He  
taught mankind one of its greatest  
lessons. Our children cannot be  
taught too early to let others partake  
of their pleasures, especially those  
whom circumstances have made less  
fortunate in enjoying the pleasures  
of the world! In this way we shall  
simplify the Christmas for our own  
children, which will benefit them,  
and at the same time make others  
happy—which is, after all, one of the  
most beautiful and satisfying pleas-  
ures in life that we can experience.  
No other feeling quite reaches it.  
The happy sparkle in the eyes comes  
from the hand that is held out to  
others.—*Ladies Home Journal.*

**Statute of Limitations.**

The right to enforce a deed of  
trust made on March 1, 1885, to  
secure a bond of even date, payable  
five years after date, will expire  
on March 1, 1910, and a deed of  
trust dated March 1, 1890, payable  
one year after date, will be barred  
March 1, 1911.

**MORE ABOUT OYSTERS.**

(Fredericksburg Free Lance.)

There seems to be a certain amount  
of interest aside from an epicurean  
one that is taken in the oft quoted,  
often agitated and oftentimes mas-  
ticated "succulent bivalve." It is in  
Tidewater Virginia a live topic and  
just as live a coal as any black dia-  
mond theme is among the coal hills  
of Pennsylvania, and the subject will  
not down—no, not even when the  
broad feet of Delegate Pilcher are  
planted squarely upon it and he  
thinks "I've got 'em now."

The Richmond News is of the opin-  
ion that the oyster must surely come  
up in the Constitutional Convention,  
and there are others of the same  
opinion. If it does, Virginia consti-  
tutors can adjust their affairs at home  
and prepare to camp upon Rich-  
mond's heights for a ninety days, and  
maybe some more. State Senator  
LeCato thinks the matter will be  
easily adjusted. He says: "As the  
Constitution now stands we can only  
tax the tongue on his sales, and as a  
majority of the tonguers are negroes  
and uneducated at that, it is difficult  
to arrive at anything like a fair re-  
turn to the State. If the new Con-  
stitution fixes a per capita tax upon  
every tongue I do not believe the  
Tidewater people would offer objec-  
tion to it."

Possibly so; but it may depend  
largely upon the amount that tax is  
to be whether there is any kicking  
or not. The experience of many of  
those well versed on the subject is  
to an extent, in accord with Dr. Le-  
Cato's. The more reputable class of  
tonguemen would make little objec-  
tion to a specific tax provided that tax  
was not too heavy. Should the Con-  
stitutional Convention set the rate at  
say about \$3, or if it thought better,  
leave the naming of a specific sum  
to the State Legislature, stipulating  
that it shall at no time exceed \$2 or  
\$3, or some such figure, we are in-  
clined to the belief that it will meet  
with favor in Tidewater. It should  
certainly be welcomed as a solution  
of the vexed question.

The point that the Senator makes  
in respect to the majority of the  
tonguemen being negroes may or may  
not be correct. There are thousands  
of white tonguemen, and even if there  
were not we think that the matter  
should be considered aside from all  
racial feeling. There is getting to be  
too much of that sort of talk in con-  
nection with the proposed Conven-  
tion. The question will come up on  
its merits and we believe it will re-  
ceive most careful and dispassionate  
consideration. Let us hope that this  
item, which is a most vital one in the  
oyster subject, will be satisfactorily  
and permanently disposed of, along  
with several other minor features.

**Symposium on Newspaper Troubles.**

The Haverhill Gazette agrees with  
the Enterprise, that the newspapers  
are "worked" too often and too  
steadily for free puffs of private  
interests.—*Brookton Enterprise.*

Papers that have space to give  
away can afford this, but those whose  
space is valuable and limited cannot  
be "worked."—*Lovell Sun.*

Sometimes they can be. They are  
supposed to be charitable, without  
getting the reward of charity, which  
is the commendation of one's friends.  
They are supposed to help along  
people who never aid the newspapers  
or anybody else in return. They are  
supposed to say nice things about  
every man who presents himself for  
an office, no matter who or what he  
may be. As soon as he is "mentioned"  
for an office, he expects all the re-  
wards of virtue, and thinks he ought  
to get the enthusiastic support of  
the "press," and he seldom stops to  
think that there are others who  
deserve a little consideration, too.  
No use talking, the newspapers have  
their troubles, and many of them,  
and when they get something out of  
life, they come as near to working  
for it as does any branch of business.  
—*Brookton Enterprise.*

Yes, you can give a man free puffs  
for years, and if you then drop a  
word that hurts his feelings, he is  
your mortal enemy for life. It's  
human nature, we suppose.—*Lovell  
Sun.*

**Ranch Bigger Than Two States.**

There is a cattle ranch in Texas  
not quite as large as Alsace-Lorraine,  
three-fourths the size of Wales, much  
larger than Porto Rico and almost  
as large as Hawaii.

It could swallow up the States of  
Rhode Island and Delaware combined  
and would overlap Connecticut by  
many thousand acres. Its area is  
about 5,000 square miles. It is dis-  
tributed over nine counties.

Tucked away in the northwest  
corner of the Panhandle it would  
not be missed out of Texas, which is  
larger than either France or the  
German Empire.

Its name is the X I T ranch. It  
is owned by a Chicago syndicate.  
The property is not yet worked to  
anything like its full capacity, but it  
sustains about 125,000 head of cattle  
and 1,600 horses.

The human population of the  
ranch is very scanty. Only 125 men

are employed to look after the live  
stock, each man covering on an  
average 40 square miles. Their  
labors are simplified by an extensive  
system of barbed wire fences.

There are ranch houses, wells,  
reservoirs, windmills, dams and all  
other accessories needed on such a  
property.

About 12 years ago, when Texas  
needed a new State Capitol the Leg-  
islature adopted a novel plan to get  
it. A promise was held forth that a  
vast tract of land would be given  
for a building.

Among those tempted by this offer  
were ex-Senator Charles B. Farwell  
and his brother John, who ultimately  
formed a syndicate in Chicago  
and took upon themselves the re-  
sponsibility of erecting the proposed  
capitol.—*N. Y. World.*

**ISLANDERS FIGHT FOR A  
YOUNG WOMAN.**

Fierce and Bloody Battle on the  
Maryland Coast.

NANTUCKET, N. D., December 7th.—  
Another battle was fought between  
rival fishermen of Tangier and Tyler  
Islands yesterday, in which many  
were wounded on both sides. There  
is great excitement on both islands  
and another fight seems imminent.

Despite the intense hatred which  
for years has existed between fisher-  
men of the two islands, Joseph Dra-  
per, a young man of Tangier Island,  
has secretly visited Miss Carrie Bran-  
der, a fair Tyler Islander. Had Dra-  
per been discovered on the island he  
would have been roughly handled, so  
bitter is the feud. Consequently,  
the couple met in remote places after  
nightfall, not even the girl's parents  
knowing of the meeting.

At a late hour on Monday night  
Draper secured a boat and rowed over  
to the island. His sweetheart was  
waiting for him, and they returned  
to Tangier Island, where they were  
married at an early hour yesterday  
morning. Scarcely had the nuptials  
been performed when a boat filled  
with angry Tyler Islanders was seen  
coming swiftly across the sound and  
heading for the rival island.

The men were all armed, and led by  
the girl's father, who had been ap-  
prised of his daughter's elopement  
by a note which she left on her table.  
As the boat neared the wharf the  
fishermen began to fire at  
every person in sight, and several  
Tangier men were wounded by the  
first shots.

Recognizing their assailants as  
Tylerites, the Tangierines fled to  
cover, and securing shotguns return-  
ed the fire with telling force. A num-  
ber of women joined in the battle.

Again and again the Tylerites at-  
tempted to land their boat below the  
wharf, but such a steady fire was di-  
rected at them by the Tangierines  
from behind oyster houses that they  
were forced to turn about and row  
back to Tyler Island.

Many of the Tangierines were  
wounded, though none was seriously  
hurt. That several of the Tylerites  
were wounded is a certainty, as a num-  
ber were seen to fall.

**THE STORK and THE BABE.**

(New York Times.)

The stork—Well, are you ready?  
The babe—I suppose so. (Yawns.)  
Let 'er go; but it's all such a dread-  
ful bore.

Stork—What?

Babe—This going into a new and  
unfamiliar household; forming new  
family ties and having to be kissed.  
Stork—The family relations may be  
delightful.

Babe—They may but one never  
knows—there is the uncertainty. By  
the way, where are you going to take  
me?

Stork—There is a new family in  
the Bronx.

Babe—The Bronx? Horrors!  
Stork—Then I have on my list an  
application from a Fifth avenue  
family.

Babe—That's better. Are they ex-  
clusive?

Stork—Semi. They want a girl.  
Babe—But I am not a girl.

Stork—Sure enough; I had for-  
gotten.

Babe—Those who have come back  
tell me